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SUBJECT: DRUG CONTROL INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS SPAIN

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1. EMBASSY WAS INFORMED IN JULY 1976 (STATE 182038) OF US GOVERNMENT  
INTENT TO CONCENTRATE NARCOTICS CONTROL EFFORTS IN COUNTRIES  
WHICH  
"PLAY A KEY ROLE IN THE PRODUCTION AND TRAFFICKING OF DRUGS TO THE  
US". SINCE SPAIN WAS APPARENTLY NOT INCLUDED IN THIS CATEGORY OF  
"SIGNIFICANT" COUNTRIES, REQUIREMENT FOR PERIODIC REPORTING WAS  
CANCELLED. INSTEAD POST WAS ENCOURAGED TO REPORT ONLY "SIGNIFICANT  
CHANGES IN LOCAL DRUG PICTURE WHICH MAY BE OF SIGNIFICANCE TO US  
INTEREST AND OR COOPERATION BY HOST COUNTRY IN INTERNATIONAL  
EFFORT TO STEM THE PRODUCTION  
AND TRAFFICKING OF ILLICIT DRUGS".

2. AMBASSADOR WHO PERSONALLY FOLLOWS NARCOTICS ACTIVITIES BY ALL  
ELEMENTS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSION MET EARLY LAST MONTH WITH EMBASSY  
NARCOTICS CONTROL COORDINATOR (NCC) AND REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL  
MISSION SECTIONS TO INSURE THAT FULL CAPABILITIES OF ALL  
ELEMENTS WERE BEING PROPERLY EXPLOITED AND COORDINATED TO  
CARRY OUT THE REQUIREMENTS FOR NARCOTICS CONTROL  
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INTELLIGENCE AS DEFINED FOR SPAIN IN PARAGRAPH 1 ABOVE. AFTER  
THROUGH DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF GENERAL PROCEDURES NOW IN EFFECT  
WASHINGTON MAY BE SURE THAT SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS ARE BEING  
AND WILL CONTINUE TO REPORTED. EMBASSY NCC RECEIVES COPIES OF MESSAGE  
FROM DEA AND OTHER ELEMENTS ON NARCOTICS CONTROL MATTERS (INCLUDING  
INDIVIDUAL CASE TRAFFIC) AND INSURES THAT THOSE MESSAGES  
OF A GENERAL NATURE INCLUDE SECSTATE AS AN ADDRESSEE. IN ADDITION

EMBASSY BCC AND DEA SAIC ARE IN FREQUENT CONTACT WITH EACH OTHER AND WITH OTHER RELEVANT ELEMENTS OF MISSION ON NARCOTICS CONTROL QUESTIONS. EMBASSY THEREFORE BELIEVES CHANCES ARE MINIMAL THAT SIGNIFICANT CHANGES WILL TAKE PLACE IN DRUG SCENE IN SPAIN WITHOUT BEING DETECTED AND PROPERLY REPORTED TO DEPARTMENT.

3. RECEIPT OF 76 STATE 301148 HAS RAISED QUESTION OF WHETHER SPAIN HAS BEEN RECLASSIFIED AS A "SIGNIFICANT" COUNTRY FOR NARCOTICS CONTROL EFFORT OF US GOVERNMENT. ACCORDING TO PARAGRAPH 4, 76 STATE 266442, DEPARTMENT INTENDED TO TASK MISSIONS IN "COUNTRIES CLEARLY KNOWN TO BE OF PRESENT SIGNIFICANCE IN THE DRUG PRODUCTION AND TRAFFICKING PICTURE" WITH CERTAIN INTELLIGENCE QUESTIONS RAISED IN STATE 31148 ARE OUTGROWTH OF THIS EFFORT WHILE EMBASSY WILLING TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO OBTAIN REQUESTED INFORMATION, IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF DEPARTMENT COULD PROVIDE CLARIFICATION OF WHAT APPEARS TO BE CONFLICTING CLASSIFICATION OF SPAIN AMONG DRUG CONTROL PROBLEM COUNTRIES. EMBASSY IS NOT AWARE OF ANY DEVELOPMENT SINCE JULY 1976 WHICH MIGHT HAVE INDICATED THAT CHANGE WAS APPROPRIATE. IN FACT QUESTIONS RAISED BY DEPARTMENT IN 76 STATE 306714 WITH REGARD TO PROPOSED AGREEMENT WITH SPANISH GOVERNMENT ON NARCOTICS CONTROL COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE FOR SPAIN (EMBASSY COMMENTS BEING SENT BY SEPTEL) WOULD SEEM TO INDICATE THAT SPAIN HAS TAKEN ON REDUCED, NOT INCREASED, SIGNIFICANCE FOR US DRUG CONTROL EFFORT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S REVIEW OF PRESENT CLASSIFICATION OF SPAIN IN NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM AND RECONCILIATION, AS APPROPRIATE, OF INTELLIGENCE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TAKES IN STATE 301148 WE UNDERSTAND THAT DEA REGIONAL OFFICIALS IN PARIS CONCUR FULLY WITH SUBSTANCE OF THIS MESSAGE. STABLER

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